Introduction of Social Security Card

295. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY:
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Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are contemplating to introduce 'Social Security Card' to all the workers in the country to enable them to get social security benefit during their service period and after retirement; and

(b) if so, the details in this regard with financial implications thereof and by when the scheme would become operational?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI ASHOK PRADHAN): (a) and (b) Employees Provident Fund Organisation proposes to issue a nationally unique Social Security Number to all the EPF subscribers. Social Security Number will be based on unique features of the worker and will have biometric details. The cost and the timeframe for the scheme to become operational cannot be indicated at this stage.

Range of wages for daily wage labourers

296. MISS MABEL REBELLO: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) the range of wages for the daily wage labourers in the agriculture and allied sectors across the country alongwith the State-wise figures for the last three years;

(b) whether Government have any plans to revise and standardize the minimum wages for both male and female in the agriculture and allied sectors, as the present wage system does not provide them proper living wages; and

(c) whether Government have any special policy for the unorganized sector?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI ASHOK PRADHAN): (a) A statement indicating the range of